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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to application filed on 11/24/2003.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-41.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
 Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
     Paper No./Mail Date 02/07/2005
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
     of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
     Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **Reasons For Allowance**

1. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Claims 1-41 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The examiner has found that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest or render obvious a method and a system to support reconfiguration of a host computer utilized/used to access a network, comprising: maintaining a mapping (configuration information) between a computer and a corresponding network service for accessing the network; modifying the mapping so that the given computer is assigned an another network service for accessing the network instead of the first network service; and generating a command to deny (terminate a communication link) the given computer from accessing the network which, in turn, results in the given computer initiating communications to enable the given computer to access the network via the another network service based on a modified mapping at set forth in the specification and recited in the independent claims 1, 20-21, and 40-41; and

also does not teach or suggest or render obvious a method and a system for supporting access to a network via one of multiple network services, comprising: supporting communications associated with a given computer to retrieve configuration information that enables the given computer to access the network via a network service; receiving a command to deny the given computer access to the network; and after denying the given computer access to the network, supporting further communications associated with the given computer to retrieve reconfiguration

information that enables the given computer to access the network via an another network service at set forth in the specification and recited in the independent claims 14 and 34.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bharat Barot whose Telephone Number is (571) 272-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Most facsimile-transmitted patent application related correspondence is required to be sent to the Central FAX Number (571) 273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar, can be reached at (571) 272-4006.

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